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SUSTAINABILITY OF ENERGY SUPPLY AND RESOURCES IN NSW

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Dear Committee,

Please accept this submission on the **Inquiry into the Sustainability of Energy Supply and Resources in NSW.**

Though our nation is a relatively young one, our land is not.

We are fortunate that we have a broad range of climates, from temperate to tropical, however we have a shortage of water, and in the two centuries of our settlement, have done nothing to bring water to the dry inland areas, and not only that, we are now POLLUTING watercourses by fracking, destroying the fabric of the earth under our feet, and leeching poisons into the watercourses, degrading valuable farmland.

HOW SHORT-SIGHTED COULD ANY SOCIETY BE?

ONCE THESE WATER COURSES ARE POLLUTED, ONCE THE GROUND IS FRACTURED, IT CANNOT BE REVERSED.

Let's address the issue of drinking water. Who on earth would think that allowing chemicals to flow into the streams that run into our dams that provide drinking water for rural cities and towns was a good idea? It so obviously isn't, that I have to wonder who granted all of these leases, and what they were thinking. Certainly the locals were not consulted. We don't want them.

Let us not forget the Great Artesian Basin, and where that water comes from, and the importance of this water source. Mess with this at your peril.

It's time for people with BIG IDEAS to step up to the plate, and I don't mean the Globalist Agenda 20-30 UN scandalous usurpation of national sovereignty.

We need our own plans for decades ahead, not short term fixes to win votes, or pollies caving in to Big Business or Big Mining. Many of these multi-national companies pay little or no tax here in Australia through inter- and intra-company loans ... so why are we allowing the scam to continue?

If the trend in the US is followed, fracking companies declare bankruptcy before they can implement the contracted requirement to clean up their site, resulting in large expenditure by the government. The US is also experiencing earthquakes in areas where they have not happened before. Clearly the destruction to the structure of the ground is massive.

Northern NSW has a surplus of water during certain times of the year. Some years, this ends up flooding vast areas, and the cost to the community and to the State is enormous. On the other side of the Range, farmers are desperate for water. Thinking caps on. It's way past time for us to sort out some scheme that will get precious water

to our inland, instead of it devastating coastal areas before flowing out to sea, and being lost.

And then we have the question of coal mining for power generation. This is *centuries old* technology. Is this the best we can do? What are our physicists and inventors doing? Must we drag ourselves along behind the rest of the world? Maybe it's time to decentralise power generation and create power stations that utilise local geographic features, or tap into the earth's magnetic field or geothermal heat sources. Strategically it's far more sensible and economic to decentralise a State's power generation.

Building tunnels and roads in over-crowded socially devastating cities awash with ghettos and problems is crazy. While the rest of the world builds high-speed rail links and decentralises, we are caught in a time warp. To someone who remembers Sydney in the 1970s, what has been allowed to happen to that beautiful city is a travesty. The quality of life in the smaller cities and towns is so much more satisfying, and if we can support industry and value-adding enterprises to set up in these areas where the primary products are produced, this will bring prosperity to these areas.

Food security is of national strategic interest. Whatever happens in this unstable world, we need to be able to feed ourselves. Farmers are an essential service and need supporting. Destroying farmland and watching families leave their farms, families who have lived on the land for generations, and who have precious knowledge of how to manage in this difficult landscape, is counterproductive.

We used to be able to embark on projects that were nation-building and geared to ensuring a prosperous future for our citizens. I don't see them today. I see only exploitation and greed.

So, dear elected representatives, we are expecting big things:

- Innovative visions for our future
- Protection for our way of life
- Prosperity for our communities
- Support for our struggling farmers
- Clean and affordable energy
- Clean water to drink
- A safe and healthy future for our children.

It's a big task.

Are you up to it?